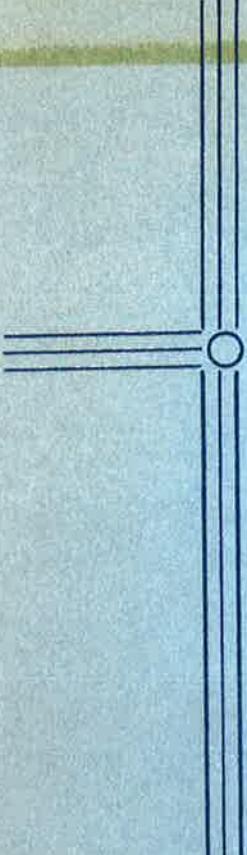


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# ANNUAL REPORT CORONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA

E. A. Winstanley, Coroner

FISCAL YEAR  
JULY 1, 1955 - JUNE 30, 1956

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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, California

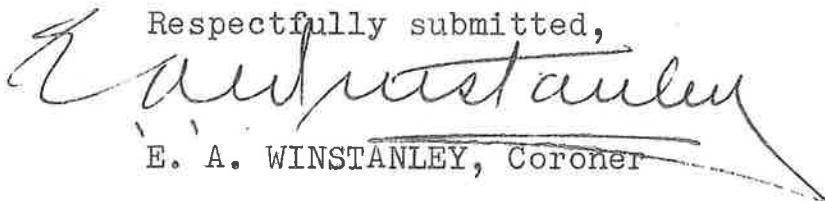
Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the annual report of the Office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956.

This report contains departmental statistics and a summary of the year's accomplishments.

We are pleased to report no major disaster or epidemic during the fiscal year, yet the physical facilities of the office were taxed to capacity on two occasions - a train wreck in which 29 persons were killed, and during the unusual heat wave of September, 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

  
E. A. WINSTANLEY, Coroner

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County of Los Angeles, California  
Fiscal Year Ending  
June 30, 1956

E. A. WINSTANLEY, CORONER  
VICTOR CEFALU, CHIEF DEPUTY

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for the  
CORONER

## REPORT DIGEST

### DEPARTMENT OF CORONER - ANNUAL REPORT 1955-56

The Coroner's Department had a caseload of 9450 cases for the fiscal year 1955-56, which shows an increase of 816 over the previous year.

A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Deaths due to natural causes	5900
Due to traffic	927
Due to suicides	753
Due to homicides	193
Due to industrial accidents	147
Due to home accidents	949

Of the 927 traffic fatalities 326 were pedestrian, 136 of which were over 65 years of age. 175 of these pedestrian deaths occurred at an intersection.

There were 601 collision and non-collision accidental deaths in motor vehicles, 485 of which were over 20 years of age.

7 persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents and 42 through steam railway accidents.

Of the 193 homicides, 114 were in the age group of 20 to 45 years of age. 64 of the homicide deaths were the result of altercations.

Of the 753 suicides, 262 were the result of ill health.

4669 autopsies were performed of the 9450 cases processed by the Coroner during the year. 7984 microscopic examinations were made in the pathological laboratory.

417 inquests were held during the year.

The Department's total expenditure during 1955-56 was \$421,015.27 comprised as follows: Salaries and Wages, \$373,235.95; Maintenance and Operation, \$41,113.78 and Capital Outlay \$6665.54.

Revenues collected for the fiscal year 1955-56 were \$78,643.75.

## REPORT OF E. A. WINSTANLEY

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

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REPORT OF E. A. WINSTANLEY  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER  
 FOR FISCAL YEAR 1955-56

JULY	1955	704	
AUGUST	1955	698	
SEPTEMBER	1955	903	
OCTOBER	1955	822	
NOVEMBER	1955	740	
DECEMBER	1955	889	
JANUARY	1956	910	
FEBRUARY	1956	755	
MARCH	1956	843	
APRIL	1956	755	
MAY	1956	750	
JUNE	1956	<u>681</u>	
	TOTAL	9450	9450

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MALE	6042	
FEMALE	<u>3408</u>	
	TOTAL	9450
IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	5050	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	4399	
OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES COUNTY	<u>1</u>	
	TOTAL	9450

CLASSIFICATIONS OF DEATHSHANDLED BY CORONERACCIDENTAL DEATHS

AIRPLANE		34	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY		7	
HOME ACCIDENTS		949	
INDUSTRIAL		147	
MOTOR VEHICLES		927	
OTHER ACCIDENTS		420	
STEAM RAILWAY		42	
	TOTAL	2526	2526
ABORTIONS		11	
HOMICIDES		193	
NATURAL CAUSES		5900	
STILLBIRTHS		60	
SUICIDES		753	
UNKNOWN		7	
	TOTAL	6924	9450

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RAILWAY	STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL
JULY	1955	64	1	0	65
AUGUST	1955	70	0	1	71
SEPTEMBER	1955	73	2	0	75
OCTOBER	1955	96	0	1	97
NOVEMBER	1955	80	1	0	81
DECEMBER	1955	103	0	1	104
JANUARY	1956	85	2	31	118
FEBRUARY	1956	74	0	0	74
MARCH	1956	73	0	2	75
APRIL	1956	77	0	1	78
MAY	1956	76	1	2	79
JUNE	1956	56	0	3	59
	TOTAL	927	7	42	976

IN THE ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLES"  
 INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR  
 VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "ELECTRIC AND STEAM  
 RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH  
 A PEDESTRIAN, PASSENGER OR EMPLOYEE IS KILLED.

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

JULY	1955	20	
AUGUST	1955	16	
SEPTEMBER	1955	17	
OCTOBER	1955	41	
NOVEMBER	1955	33	
DECEMBER	1955	53	
JANUARY	1956	29	
FEBRUARY	1956	23	
MARCH	1956	30	
APRIL	1956	19	
MAY	1956	26	
JUNE	1956	<u>19</u>	<u>      </u>
	TOTAL	326	326

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MALE	216	
FEMALE	<u>110</u>	<u>      </u>
	TOTAL	326

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	170	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	154	
OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES COUNTY	<u>2</u>	<u>      </u>
	TOTAL	326

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANAGES

1 to 2 years	15
2 to 5 years	18
5 to 10 years	15
10 to 20 years	8
20 to 45 years	51
45 to 65 years	83
65 years and over	136
TOTAL	326

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AT AN INTERSECTION	175
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	151
TOTAL	326

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	109
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	216
UNKNOWN	1
TOTAL	326

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AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	302
BUS & PEDESTRIAN	4
FORK LIFT & PEDESTRIAN	1
TRACTOR & PEDESTRIAN	1
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	18
TOTAL	326

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANCAUSES

BACKING	3	
CHILDREN RELEASED BRAKES	1	
CROSSING AGAINST SIGNAL	2	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	47	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	69	
DEAFNESS	1	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	6	
DOVE THROUGH SAFETY ZONE	9	
DURING MOTORCYCLE RACE	1	
EXCESSIVE SPEED	5	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	7	
INTOXICATION	9	
JUMPED FROM VEHICLE	1	
LIGHTING CONDITIONS	2	
LOST CONTROL	5	
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	27	
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY	1	
PLAYING IN STREET	9	
RECKLESS DRIVING	30	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	48	
RUNAWAY CAR	3	
RUNNING IN STREET	9	
SKIDDING	1	
UNKNOWN	19	
VISION OBSCURED	2	
WALKING IN STREET	5	
WEATHER CONDITIONS	4	
TOTAL	326	326

TRAFFIC FATALITIESPEDESTRIANHELD BY CORONER'S JURY

MALE DRIVERS	39
FEMALE DRIVERS	8
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	22
TOTAL	<u>69</u>

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY

MALE DRIVERS	60
FEMALE DRIVERS	6
TRAIN CREWS	2
TOTAL	<u>68</u>

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD

MALE DRIVERS	165
FEMALE DRIVERS	20
DRIVERLESS CAR	4
TOTAL	<u>189</u>
	<u>326</u>

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HIT AND RUN CASES

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HAD BEEN DRINKING

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1955	44	
AUGUST	1955	54	
SEPTEMBER	1955	56	
OCTOBER	1955	55	
NOVEMBER	1955	47	
DECEMBER	1955	50	
JANUARY	1956	56	
FEBRUARY	1956	51	
MARCH	1956	43	
APRIL	1956	58	
MAY	1956	50	
JUNE	1956	<u>37</u>	<u>—</u>
	TOTAL	601	601

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MALE	447	
FEMALE	<u>154</u>	<u>—</u>
	TOTAL	601

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	222	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		
O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	356	
OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES COUNTY	<u>23</u>	<u>—</u>
	TOTAL	601

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

Less than one year	3		
1 to 2 years	7		
2 to 5 years	5		
5 to 10 years	9		
10 to 20 years	92		
20 to 45 years	302		
45 to 65 years	126		
65 years and over	57		
TOTAL	601		
			601

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AT AN INTERSECTION	269		
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	332		
TOTAL	601		

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	275		
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	326		
TOTAL	601		

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISIONNATURE

AUTO & ABUTMENT	6
AUTO & AMBULANCE	2
AUTO & ARMY TANK	1
AUTO & AUTOETTE	3
AUTO & AUTO	236
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	1
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO, AUTO, AUTO, TRUCK TRAILER & BUS	1
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & TRAILER	1
AUTO & BICYCLE	12
AUTO & BRIDGE	4
AUTO & BUILDING	6
AUTO & BUS	9
AUTO & CRANE	1
AUTO & CURB	7
AUTO & DIRT BANK	12
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	10
AUTO & FENCE	3
AUTO & GUARD RAIL	2
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	20
AUTO & PARKED AUTO	1
AUTO & POLE	40
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	16
AUTO & TRAILER	3
AUTO & TREE	16
AUTO & TRICYCLE	1
AUTO & TRUCK	79
AUTO & TRUCK & TRAILER	3
AUTO & WALL	2
BUS & BICYCLE	1
BUS & MOTORCYCLE	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIESCOLLISION AND NON-COLLISIONNATURE (CONTINUED)

MOTORCYCLE & CURB	1
MOTORCYCLE & MOTORCYCLE	1
MOTORCYCLE & POLE	1
TRUCK & BICYCLE	2
TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE	5
TRUCK & TREE	1
TRUCK & TRUCK	2
TRUCK & TRUCK & TRAILER	1
TOTAL	<u>514</u>
	514

NON-COLLISION

AUTO OVER CLIFF	6
AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT	1
AUTO OVERTURNED	63
FALL FROM VEHICLE	8
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	2
TRACTOR OVERTURNED	1
TRUCK OVERTURNED	6
TOTAL	<u>87</u>
	87

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TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
CAUSES

COLLISION

BACKING	1
CARELESS HANDLING OF BICYCLE	1
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	4
DRIVER ASLEEP	10
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	43
DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS	4
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	43
ILLEGAL PARKING	1
ILLEGAL "U" TURN	1
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	17
INTOXICATION	23
LOST CONTROL	87
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	20
PASSING ON WRONG SIDE	2
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	24
RAN SIGNAL	46
REAR END COLLISION	10
RECKLESS DRIVING	47
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	78
RODE BICYCLE INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	3
SKIDDING	7
STALLED ON TRACKS	2
SUDDEN STOP	1
UNKNOWN	34
VISION OBSCURED	1
WEATHER CONDITIONS	4
TOTAL	514
	514

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION  
CAUSES (CONTINUED)

NON-COLLISION

AVOIDING COLLISION	2		
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	1		
DOOR FLEW OPEN	2		
DRIVER ASLEEP	4		
EXCESSIVE SPEED	10		
IMPROPER RIDING	6		
INTOXICATION	5		
LOST CONTROL	48		
RECKLESS DRIVING	4		
SUDDEN STOP	1		
UNKNOWN	4		
TOTAL	87		87
			601

TRAFFIC FATALITIES  
COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY

MALE DRIVERS	78	
FEMALE DRIVERS	14	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS	8	
	TOTAL	<u>100</u>
		<u>100</u>

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY

MALE DRIVERS	44	
FEMALE DRIVERS	4	
TRAIN CREW	1	
	TOTAL	<u>49</u>
		<u>49</u>

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD

MALE DRIVERS	406	
FEMALE DRIVERS	46	
	TOTAL	<u>452</u>
		<u>601</u>

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HIT AND RUN CASES 13

HAD BEEN DRINKING

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

TRAFFIC FATALITIESELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1955	1
AUGUST	1955	0
SEPTEMBER	1955	2
OCTOBER	1955	0
NOVEMBER	1955	1
DECEMBER	1955	0
JANUARY	1956	2
FEBRUARY	1956	0
MARCH	1956	0
APRIL	1956	0
MAY	1956	1
JUNE	1956	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL	7
		7

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MALE	5	
FEMALE	<u>2</u>	
	TOTAL	7
		7

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In the City of Los Angeles	2	
In the County of Los Angeles O/S Los Angeles City	<u>5</u>	
	TOTAL	7
		7

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TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES

10 to 20 years	1	
20 to 45 years	1	
45 to 65 years	1	
65 years and over	4	
TOTAL	7	7

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NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	7	7
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CAUSES

ATTEMPTING TO STEAL RIDE	1	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	2	
INTOXICATION	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	7	7

TRAFFIC FATALITIESSTEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1955	0	
AUGUST	1955	1	
SEPTEMBER	1955	0	
OCTOBER	1955	1	
NOVEMBER	1955	0	
DECEMBER	1955	1	
JANUARY	1956	31	
FEBRUARY	1956	0	
MARCH	1956	2	
APRIL	1956	1	
MAY	1956	2	
JUNE	1956	3	42
		TOTAL	
	*	*	*
MALE		26	
FEMALE		16	
		TOTAL	42
In the City of Los Angeles		35	
In the County of Los Angeles			
O/S Los Angeles City		7	42
		TOTAL	
	*	*	*
1 to 2 years		2	
2 to 5 years		1	
5 to 10 years		1	
10 to 20 years		4	
20 to 45 years		22	
45 to 65 years		6	
65 years and over		6	
		TOTAL	42
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TRAFFIC FATALITIESSTEAM RAILWAYNATURE

STEAM RAILWAY & EMPLOYEE	2	
STEAM RAILWAY & PASSENGER	32	
STEAM RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	8	
TOTAL	42	42

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CAUSES

CHILD PLAYING ON TRACKS	2	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	2	
EXCESSIVE SPEED OF TRAIN	31	
FALL UNDER WHEELS	2	
INTOXICATION	1	
RUNAWAY CAR	1	
WALKING ON TRACKS	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	42	42

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MOTOR VEHICLES	663	264	927
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	5	2	7
STEAM RAILWAY	26	16	42
TOTAL	694	282	976

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1955	7
AUGUST	1955	13
SEPTEMBER	1955	19
OCTOBER	1955	12
NOVEMBER	1955	8
DECEMBER	1955	10
JANUARY	1956	8
FEBRUARY	1956	9
MARCH	1956	12
APRIL	1956	15
MAY	1956	19
JUNE	1956	15
	TOTAL	147
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MALE	141
FEMALE	6
TOTAL	147
	147

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In the City of LOS ANGELES	50
In the County of LOS ANGELES	
O/S Los Angeles City	62
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	22
Unknown	13
TOTAL	147
	147

10 to 20 years	7
20 to 45 years	66
45 to 65 years	53
65 years and over	21
TOTAL	147
	147

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESNATURE

ASPHYXIATION	3
BODILY INJURY	18
BURNS	18
CRUSHING	15
DROWNING	5
ELECTROCUTION	11
EXPLOSIONS	4
FALLS	35
HEAT STROKE	3
INFECTION	30
POISONING	2
SUFFOCATION	3
TOTAL	147
	147

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSESASPHYXIATION:

IN EXCAVATION	3	3
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BODILY INJURY:

DURING SEIZURE	1	
FALL FROM TRUCK	1	
HEAVY LIFTING	1	
STRUCK BY BOOM	4	
STRUCK BY ELEVATOR	1	
STRUCK BY HEAVY METAL	5	
STRUCK BY LUMBER	3	
STRUCK BY PIPE	1	
STRUCK BY SAW BLADE	1	
TOTAL	18	<u>18</u>

BURNS:

CLOTHING AFIRE	2	
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM TORCH	1	
CRANE CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
EXPLOSION OF CLEANING FLUID	2	
EXPLOSION OF GAS	1	
EXPLOSION OF GASOLENE	2	
EXPLOSION OF GASOLENE TANK	1	
EXPLOSION OF OIL DRUM	1	
FIGHTING FOREST FIRE	6	
PAINT THINNER IGNITED	1	
TOTAL	18	<u>18</u>

CRUSHING:

BETWEEN DOCK & SHIP	1	
BY CRANE	1	
BY ELEVATOR	2	
BY HEAVY METAL	4	
BY MACHINERY	1	
CAUGHT IN CONVEYOR	1	
CAVE IN OF DIRT BANK	3	
STRUCK BY GRAVEL CART	1	
WALL COLLAPSED	1	
TOTAL	15	<u>15</u>

DROWNING:

FELL FROM BARGE	1	
SHIP SANK	3	
SKIN DIVING TO TAKE PHOTOS	1	
TOTAL	5	<u>5</u>

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIESCAUSES-(CONTINUED)ELECTROCUTION:

CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE	3	
CONTACTED LIVE WIRE	3	
CRANE CONTACTED HIGH TENSION WIRE	3	
INSTALLING EQUIPMENT	2	
TOTAL	11	11

EXPLOSIONS:

HAND GRENADE EXPLODED	1	
POWDER PLANT EXPLOSION	3	
TOTAL	4	4

FALLS:

DOWN SHAFT	1	
FROM BOX CAR	1	
FROM BRIDGE	1	
FROM CATWALK	1	
FROM CHAIR	1	
FROM LADDER	4	
FROM ROOF	4	
FROM SCAFFOLD	10	
FROM TREE	1	
FROM WINDOW	2	
INTO DITCH	1	
INTO WASHING MACHINE	1	
TO FLOOR	2	
TO GROUND	5	
TOTAL	35	35

<u>HEAT STROKE:</u>	3	3
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INFECTION:

INHALATION OF DUST	11	
INHALATION OF DUST IN MINES	16	
INHALATION OF DUST IN QUARRIES	2	
INHALATION OF DUST IN SAND BLASTING	1	
TOTAL	30	30

POISONING:

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE-INHALATION OF FUMES	2	2
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SUFFOCATION:

EXPOSURE TO SULPHUR DIOXIDE GAS	1	
IN OIL TANK	2	
TOTAL	3	3

HOME ACCIDENTSNATURE

BURNS & EXPLOSIONS	102
ELECTROCUTION	7
FALLS	541
FIREARMS	7
HEAT STROKE	41
MECHANICAL ASPHYXIA	60
MISCELLANEOUS	14
POISONING	172
VIOLENCE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN	5
TOTAL	949

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MALE	391
FEMALE	558
TOTAL	949

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AGES

Less than one year	25
1 to 2 years	30
2 to 5 years	30
5 to 10 years	13
10 to 20 years	20
20 to 45 years	120
45 to 65 years	170
65 years and over	541
TOTAL	949

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In the City of Los Angeles	518
In the County of Los Angeles	97
Other Municipalities	327
Outside Los Angeles County	7
TOTAL	949

HOME ACCIDENTSCAUSESBURNS & EXPLOSIONS

CLOTHING AFIRE FROM MATCHES	1	
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM HEATER	8	
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM STOVE	6	
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE	47	
GAS EXPLOSION	4	
GASOLINE EXPLOSION	7	
GASOLINE STOVE EXPLODED	5	
INCIDENTAL FIRES	10	
LIGHTING BARBEQUE	1	
PLAYING WITH CHEMICALS	2	
PLAYING WITH MATCHES	2	
SCALDS - CHILD PLAYING	2	
SCALDS - DEFECTIVE FAUCET	1	
SCALDS - IN BATH TUB	2	
SMOKING IN BED	4	
TOTAL	102	102

ELECTROCUTION

CONTACT WITH LIVE WIRE	3	
DEFECTIVE WIRING	2	
REPAIRING TELEVISION SET	1	
WHILE CHARGING BATTERY	1	
TOTAL	7	7

FALLS

AGAINST FURNITURE	4	
DOWNSTAIRS	33	
FROM BED	16	
FROM BUILDING	7	
FROM BICYCLE	1	
FROM HORSE	1	
FROM LADDER	8	
FROM TREE	1	
IN BATH TUB	5	
IN CRIB	1	
TO FLOOR	10	
TO GROUND	38	
TO SIDEWALK	11	
TO STREET	2	
WHILE INTOXICATED	3	
TOTAL	541	541

HOME ACCIDENTSCAUSES (CONTINUED)FIREARMS

CARELESS HANDLING	3	
RUSSIAN ROULETTE	2	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	7	
ONE OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	7	

<u>HEAT STROKE</u>	TOTAL	41	
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MECHANICAL ASPHYXIA

ASPIRATION OF FOOD	9	
ASPIRATION OF FOREIGN OBJECT	4	
ASPIRATION OF GASTRIC CONTENTS	4	
TOTAL	17	

DROWNING

CHILD IN SWIMMING POOL	13	
CHILD UNATTENDED IN BATH TUB	7	
IN BATH TUB - UNKNOWN	1	
IN BATH TUB - SEIZURE	4	
IN FISH POND	1	
IN SWIMMING POOL - UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	28	

HANGING

CAUGHT IN HIGH CHAIR	1	
CAUGHT ON CRIB	1	
CAUGHT ON NAIL	1	
CHILD AT PLAY	7	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	13	
ONE OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	13	

<u>INHALATION OF SMOKE</u>	TOTAL	2	
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HOME ACCIDENTSCAUSES (CONTINUED)MISCELLANEOUS

DURING MEDICAL INJECTION	TOTAL	1	1
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BODILY INJURIES

INFANT DROPPED	2		
CAUGHT IN WRINGER	1		
PLAYING WITH POWER MOWER	1		
STRUCK BY FALLING OBJECT	4		
TOTAL	8		8

PERFORATED BOWEL

INSERTION OF PENCIL	1		
SELF TREATMENT	2		
TOTAL	3		3

PERFORATED ESOPHAGUS

SWALLOWED CHICKEN BONE	TOTAL	1	1
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BOTULISM

ATE HOME CANNED FOOD	TOTAL	1	1
		14	

POISONING

ALCOHOL	14		
ALCOHOL & BARBITURATES	7		
ANT POISON	2		
ASPIRIN	2		
BARBITURATES	65		
BUTANE GAS	1		
CAMPHOR	1		
*CARBON MONOXIDE	34		
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER	15		
CARBON MONOXIDE - WATER HEATER DEFECTIVE	1		

HOME ACCIDENTSCAUSES (CONTINUED)POISONING (CONTINUED)

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	3
CHLORDANE	1
DEMEROL	1
KEROSENE	1
METHYL SALICYLATE	1
OPIATE	6
PAINT THINNER	3
PARALDEHYDE	4
PENETRATING OIL	1
PYRIBENZAMINE	1
UNIDENTIFIED	8
TOTAL	172
	172

62 OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED

\*CARBON MONOXIDE ARISING INCIDENTAL TO A FIRE

VIOLENCE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN	5	5
	949	—

OTHER ACCIDENTSNATURE

BURNS & EXPLOSIONS	12
FALLS	238
FIREARMS	9
HEAT STROKE	55
MECHANICAL ASPHYXIA	41
MISCELLANEOUS	20
POISONING	25
VIOLENCE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN	20
TOTAL	<u>420</u>

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MALE	249
FEMALE	171
TOTAL	<u>420</u>

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AGES

Less than one year	5
1 to 2 years	3
2 to 5 years	7
5 to 10 years	9
10 to 20 years	20
20 to 45 years	67
45 to 65 years	67
65 years and over	<u>242</u>
TOTAL	<u>420</u>

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In the City of Los Angeles	218
In the County of Los Angeles	59
Other Municipalities	104
Outside Los Angeles County	8
Unknown	<u>31</u>
TOTAL	<u>420</u>

OTHER ACCIDENTSCAUSESBURNS & EXPLOSIONS

CHEMICAL EXPLOSION	1	
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM STOVE	1	
CONFLAGRATION	4	
FIGHTING FIRE	1	
GASOLINE EXPLOSION	2	
SCALDS - IN BATH TUB	1	
SMOKING IN BED	2	
TOTAL	12	12

FALLS

DOWN STAIRS	12	
FROM BED	28	
FROM BICYCLE	4	
FROM BRIDGE	1	
FROM BUILDING	5	
FROM CLIFF	2	
FROM LADDER	1	
FROM ROLLER COASTER	1	
FROM TREE	2	
IN BATH TUB	1	
TO FLOOR	14	
TO GROUND	22	
TO SIDEWALK	15	
TO STREET	24	
UNKNOWN FALLS	6	
TOTAL	238	238

FIREARMS

CARELESS HANDLING	1	
CHILD PLAYING WITH GUN	2	
GUN EXPLODED	1	
WAR INJURY	1	
WHILE HUNTING	3	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	9	9

ONE OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED

HEAT STROKE TOTAL 55 55

OTHER ACCIDENTS

(CONTINUED)

MECHANICAL ASPHYXIA

ASPIRATION OF FOOD	5	
ASPIRATION OF FOREIGN OBJECT	1	
ASPIRATION OF GASTRIC CONTENTS	1	
CAUGHT HEAD IN WINDOW	1	
CAVE IN OF EXCAVATION	1	
TOTAL	9	9

DROWNING

CHILD IN CANAL	1	
CHILD IN CRATER POOL	1	
CHILD IN DAM	1	
CHILD IN LAKE	3	
CHILD IN SLOUGH	2	
CHILD IN SWIMMING POOL	3	
IN BATHTUB	2	
IN CESSPOOL	1	
IN DAM	2	
IN OCEAN	7	
IN RIVER	2	
IN SWIMMING POOL	4	
WHILE SKIN DIVING	2	
TOTAL	31	31
HANGING (UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE)	1	
TOTAL	1	1

MISCELLANEOUS

ANAPHYLAXIS SHOCK	1	
ANESTHESIA DEATHS	4	
BOTULISM	1	
	6	6

BODILY INJURIES

DIVING	1	
HORSE FELL	2	
KICKED BY HORSE	1	
LIFTING PATIENT	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING OBJECT	3	
SWALLOWED TOOTHPICK	1	
INFECTION - SEPTICEMA	1	
INFECTION - TETANUS	2	
WAR GAS EXPOSURE	1	
WHILE EXTRACTING TEETH	1	
TOTAL	14	14
	20	

OTHER ACCIDENTS

(CONTINUED)

POISONING

ALCOHOL	8	
ALCOHOL & PARALDEHYDE	2	
ARSENIC	1	
BARBITURATES	3	
BARBITURATES & PARALDEHYDE	1	
CYANIDE	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE (RESULT OF FIRE)	1	
OPIATES	7	
UNKNOWN	1	
	TOTAL	25
ONE OF ABOVE TOTAL ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED		25
VIOLENCE OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN	TOTAL	20
		20
		420

## UNDETERMINED CAUSES

MALE  
FEMALE

\* \* \* \* \* \* \*      TOTAL

5  
2  
7

7

AGES

20 to 45 years  
65 years and over  
Unknown

\* \* \* \* \* \* \*      TOTAL

5  
1  
7

7

In the City of Los Angeles  
In the County of Los Angeles  
O/S Los Angeles City

\* \* \* \* \* \* \*      TOTAL

3  
4  
7

7

Undetermined after Gross Autopsy & Toxicological Study  
Undetermined after Gross Autopsy & Toxicological and  
Microscopic Study  
Undetermined due to Advanced State of Decomposition  
TOTAL

1  
1  
5  
7

7

SUICIDES

JULY	1955		53
AUGUST	1955		56
SEPTEMBER	1955		58
OCTOBER	1955		88
NOVEMBER	1955		69
DECEMBER	1955		51
JANUARY	1956		64
FEBRUARY	1956		59
MARCH	1956		67
APRIL	1956		74
MAY	1956		58
JUNE	1956	TOTAL	<u>56</u> 753
			753
MALE			532
FEMALE			<u>221</u> 753
			753
In the City of LOS ANGELES			362
In the County of LOS ANGELES			
O/S Los Angeles City		TOTAL	<u>391</u> 753
			753
5 to 10 years			1
10 to 15 years			15
20 to 45 years			270
45 to 65 years			314
65 years and over		TOTAL	<u>153</u> 753
			753

SUICIDESNATURE

	5
BURNING	110
CARBON MONOXIDE - AUTO EXHAUST	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - BURNING ILLUM. GAS	21
CUTTING	16
DROWNING	1
FUEL GAS	105
HANGING	15
ILLUMINATING GAS	250
SHOOTING	524
TOTAL	<u>524</u>

JUMPING

FROM BRIDGE	6
FROM BUILDING	26
FROM CLIFF	1
TOTAL	<u>33</u>

POISONING

ARSENIC	16
BARBITURATES	
Nembutal	1
Pentobarbital	8
Phenobarbital	8
Probarbital	1
Secobarbital	4
Veronal	1
Unidentified	<u>125</u>
Total Barbiturates	148
CARBOLIC ACID	1
CAUSTIC SODA	2
CYANIDE	11
DEMEROL	1
DIGITALIS	1
HYDROGEN SULFIDE	1
INSECTIVIDE (MALATHION)	1
LYSOL	1
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40)	3
PAINT THINNER	2
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE	1
PYRIBENZAMINE	1
SALICYLATE	1
SODIUM HYDROXIDE	2
STRYCHNINE	3
TOTAL	<u>196</u>
	<u>196</u>

753

SUICIDESCAUSES

AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	11
AFTER DEATH OF FATHER	2
AFTER DEATH OF HUSBAND	5
AFTER DEATH OF MOTHER	3
AFTER DEATH OF WIFE	2
ALCOHOLISM	7
DESPONDENCY	20
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	47
DOPE ADDICTION	1
FEAR OF PROSECUTION	3
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	22
ILL HEALTH	262
LOSS OF JOB	6
LOVE AFFAIR	7
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	30
MENTAL ILLNESS	25
UNKNOWN	300
TOTAL	<u>753</u>

HOMICIDES

JULY	1955	14
AUGUST	1955	18
SEPTEMBER	1955	13
OCTOBER	1955	11
NOVEMBER	1955	18
DECEMBER	1955	15
JANUARY	1956	18
FEBRUARY	1956	17
MARCH	1956	14
APRIL	1956	26
MAY	1956	14
JUNE	1956	15
	* * * * *	TOTAL 193
MALE		124
FEMALE		69
	* * * * *	TOTAL 193
In the City of LOS ANGELES		102
In the County of LOS ANGELES		85
O/S Los Angeles City		3
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY		3
Unknown		3
	* * * * *	TOTAL 193
LESS THAN ONE YEAR		3
1 to 2 years		1
2 to 5 years		7
5 to 10 years		1
10 to 20 years		13
20 to 45 years		114
45 to 65 years		47
65 years and over		7
	TOTAL	193
	* * * * *	193

HOMICIDESNATURE

ASSAULT	16
FIGHTING	3
POISONING	4
SHOOTING	98
STABBING	43
STRANGULATION	9
STRUCK WITH AUTO	1
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	16
SUFFOCATION	1
UNKNOWN	2
TOTAL	<u>193</u>
	193

JUSTIFIABLE	26
UNJUSTIFIABLE	167
TOTAL	<u>193</u>
	193

BY A KNOWN PERSON	112
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON	23
BY FATHER	3
BY HUSBAND	24
BY MOTHER	6
BY OFFICER	9
BY SON	5
BY WIFE	11
TOTAL	<u>193</u>
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FOUND DEAD AT SCENE	105
DIED UNDER OBSERVATION	88
TOTAL	<u>193</u>
	193

HOMICIDE ABATED BY SUICIDE	11
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HOMICIDESCAUSESJUSTIFIABLE

DURING ALTERCATION	10
DURING BURGLARY	1
DURING ROBBERY	1
EVADING ARREST	4
ILLEGAL ENTRY	2
RESISTING ARREST	4
SELF DEFENSE	3
SCUFFLE	1
TOTAL	<u>26</u>
	26

UNJUSTIFIABLE

DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	8
DURING ALTERCATION	64
DURING BURGLARY	1
DURING ROBBERY	10
FIT OF ANGER	3
GANG FIGHT	3
ILL HEALTH OF VICTIM	1
JEALOUSY	3
LOVE AFFAIR	1
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	15
MENTAL CONDITION	4
RAPE	2
REVENGE	5
SEX CRIME	1
TO STOP BABY FROM CRYING	2
UNKNOWN	44
TOTAL	<u>167</u>
	167

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL - By Known Person	1
CRIMINAL - By Unknown Person	1
CRIMINAL OR SELF-INDUCED Undetermined	1
SELF INDUCED	6
SPONTANEOUS	2
	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	11
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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	4
UNKNOWN	3
	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	11
* * * * *	
DIVORCED	3
MARRIED	6
SINGLE	2
	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	11
* * * * *	
20 to 45 YEARS	11
	<u>11</u>
* * * * *	
FOUND DEAD AT SCENE	2
DIED UNDER OBSERVATION	9
	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	11

## AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1955	3
AUGUST	1955	1
SEPTEMBER	1955	5
OCTOBER	1955	12
NOVEMBER	1955	0
DECEMBER	1955	3
JANUARY	1956	9
FEBRUARY	1956	0
MARCH	1956	0
APRIL	1956	1
MAY	1956	0
JUNE	1956	0
	TOTAL	34
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In the CITY OF LOS ANGELES	18
In the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	
O/S Los Angeles City	15
Outside LOS ANGELES COUNTY	<u><u>1</u></u>
	TOTAL
	<u><u>34</u></u>

Co-Pilot	2
Passenger	9
Pilot	13
Student	1
Pedestrian	1
Resident of Home	8
TOTAL	34
	34
Accidental	27
Industrial	7
TOTAL	34
	34

AIRPLANE FATALITIES(CONTINUED)AGES

Less than 1 year	1	
5 to 10 years	2	
10 to 20 years	1	
20 to 45 years	27	
45 to 65 years	3	
TOTAL	<u>34</u>	

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TYPE OF PLANE

COMMERCIAL	6	
MILITARY	2	
PLEASURE	26	
TOTAL	<u>34</u>	

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CAUSES

CRASH INTO HOUSE	9	
STRUCK BY CRASHING PLANE	1	
STUNTING	1	
UNKNOWN	23	
TOTAL	<u>34</u>	

INQUESTS

		CORONER'S <u>INQUEST ROOM</u>	L. A. CITY & COUNTY <u>OUTSIDE INQUEST ROOM</u>	TOTALS
JULY	1955	14	18	32
AUGUST	1955	12	13	25
SEPTEMBER	1955	10	16	26
OCTOBER	1955	20	12	32
NOVEMBER	1955	14	18	32
DECEMBER	1955	26	33	59
JANUARY	1956	46	16	62
FEBRUARY	1956	15	16	31
MARCH	1956	19	11	30
APRIL	1956	17	21	38
MAY	1956	15	15	30
JUNE	1956	13	7	20
	TOTAL	221	196	417

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A. CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTALS
JULY	1955	147	277	10	434
AUGUST	1955	132	238	12	382
SEPTEMBER	1955	165	271	12	448
OCTOBER	1955	158	249	11	418
NOVEMBER	1955	146	186	05	337
DECEMBER	1955	169	234	05	408
JANUARY	1956	212	227	11	450
FEBRUARY	1956	113	204	07	324
MARCH	1956	145	231	03	379
APRIL	1956	154	217	10	381
MAY	1956	154	202	05	361
JUNE	1956	122	214	11	347
	TOTAL	1817	2750	102	4669
INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES					4781
				TOTAL	9450

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE	169
BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	124
BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE	38
EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 OF GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE	13
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED FOR WHICH NO EMBALMING FEES WERE COLLECTED AT CORONER'S OFFICE	344
BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED	2856
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3200
BODIES EMBALMED BY MORTICIANS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	447
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES PROCESSED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3647
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES PROCESSED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1955 TO JUNE 30, 1956	9450
MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	27296
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES	88890
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	22637
TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	291
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE	19
TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	417
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY	417
TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1324
PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED	7388
VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	9033
VERDICTS OF JURIES	417
JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE AT CORONER'S INQUESTS	3786
WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	2479
ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	190
CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN. THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	432
SUBPOENAS SERVED ON MEDICAL STAFF	578

CASE LOAD COMPARISON

TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955	8634
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1955-1956	9450
INCREASE	816

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

## NUMBER AND TYPE OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR EXAMINATION

ALCOHOL, ETHANOL, ONLY	2677
ALCOHOL, ETHANOL WITH OTHER TESTS	361
ALCOHOL, METHYL	1
ALCOHOL, ISOPROPYL	4
ACETONE	6
ACETOPHENITIDIN	1
ACID PHOSPHATASE	7
ALKALOIDS	3
ANTIMONY	1
ARSENIC	30
BARBITURATES	352
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	7
CARBROMAL	1
CHLORAL	5
CHLORPROMAZINE	2
CHLORDANE	2
CHLORIDES	4
CINCHOPEN	1
CODEINE	3
COPPER SULPHATE	1
CORROSIVES	1
CREATININE	5
CYANIDE	23
DEPRESSANTS	1
DIGITALIS	1
DILANTIN	1
DILAUDID	1
"DORIDEN"	1
ETHER	3
FLUORIDE	1
FORMALDEHYDE	2
HYPOCHLORITES	1
LEAD	2
MALATHION	1
MARIHUANA	1
MEPERIDINE	6
MERCURY	5
METHAPYRILINE	1
METHEMOGLOBIN	1

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

(CONTINUED)

MORPHINE	21		
"MILTON"	1		
NARCOTICS	10		
NICOTINE	6		
OIL WINTERGREEN	1		
OXALATES	1		
PAINT THINNER	3		
PARALDEHYDE	16		
PHOSPHORUS	2		
POISONS - UNKNOWN	7		
POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE	1		
PHENOLS	2		
SALICYLATES	6		
SILICA	23		
SPECTROGRAPH TESTS	3		
STRYCHNINE	8		
SUGAR	10		
SULFA DRUGS	1		
TRICHLORETHYLENE	2		
TRIPELENNAMINE	1		
TOTAL	3652		3652

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	7984
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	30
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	243
NUMBER OF CYTOLOGY EXAMINATION	136
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED	14
NUMBER OF NEURO-PATHOLOGY BRAIN STUDIES	113
NUMBER OF SPECIAL TISSUE STAINS	39
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES MADE AND PROCESSED	965
NUMBER OF PRINTS MADE AND PROCESSED	1647
NUMBER OF COLOR SLIDES	222

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive test is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

	<u>POSITIVE TESTS</u>	<u>NEGATIVE TESTS</u>
AUTO - COLLISION and NON COLLISION	196	274
	41.0%	59.0%
AUTO - PEDESTRIAN	73	126
	36.6%	63.4%
HOMICIDES	89	110
	44.7%	55.3%
SUICIDES	204	443
	31.5%	68.5%

EXPENDITURESFISCAL YEAR 1955-56

SALARIES AND WAGES	\$ 373,235.95
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	41,113.78
CAPITAL OUTLAY	6.665.54
TOTAL	\$ 421,015.27

REVENUES COLLECTED  
FISCAL YEAR 1955-56

## SALARY FUND:

EMBALMING FEES	\$ 72,446.26
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	5.252.05
	\$ 77,698.31
	\$ 77,698.31

## GENERAL FUND:

WITNESS FEES	\$ 256.20
REFUND OF TRANSPORTATION	689.24
	\$ 945.44
	<u>945.44</u>
	\$ 78,643.75